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ATTAINMENT OF SELF-GOVERNMENT OR INDEPENDENCE BY THE TRUST TERRITORIES

(TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1369 (XVII) AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1413 (XIV))

China, France, Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: draft resolution

The Trusteeship Council,

Recalling the Trusteeship Agreement for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands 1/ approved by the Security Council on 2 April 1947,

Noting that Articles 73 and 76 of the Charter of the United Nations call upon Administering Authorities of Trust Territories to assist their peoples in the progressive development of their free political institutions and towards self-government or independence,

Mindful that the people of Palau have established a constitution and democratic political institutions providing the instruments of self-government,

Aware that political status negotiations between the Administering Authority and representatives of the Trust Territory began in 1969 with the aim of facilitating the progressive development of the peoples in Micronesia, including Palau, towards self-government or independence as was deemed appropriate,

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1/ Trusteeship Agreement for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (United Nations publication, Sales No. 1957.VI.A.1).

Aware also that this process has been successfully completed for the Republic of Palau,

Recalling its resolution 2183 (LIII) of 28 May 1986, in which termination of the Trusteeship Agreement for the entire Trust Territory was envisioned,

Having heard the statement of the elected representative of the Republic of Palau requesting early termination of the Trusteeship Agreement, and believing this to reflect the freely expressed wishes of the people of Palau,

Conscious of the responsibility of the Security Council in respect of strategic areas, as set out in Article 83, paragraph 1, of the Charter,

1. Notes that the people of Palau have freely exercised their right to self-determination in a plebiscite observed by the visiting mission of the Trusteeship Council and have chosen free association with the United States of America;

2. Requests the Government of the United States, in consultation with the Government of Palau, to agree on a date on or about 1 October 1994 for the full entry into force of the Compact of Free Association, and to inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations of that date;

3. Considers that the Government of the United States, as the Administering Authority, has satisfactorily discharged its obligations under the terms of the Trusteeship Agreement and that it is appropriate for that Agreement to be terminated with effect from the date referred to in paragraph 2 above, as agreed upon by the two Governments;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to circulate as official documents of the Security Council the present resolution and all material received from the Administering Authority pursuant to this resolution.